

**Amendments to the Specification**

**Pages 2-3, the paragraph bridging these pages, page 2, line 23 to page 3, line 5, replace the paragraph with:**

Further, to enhance integrity against disaster such as an earthquake, it is favorable that remote storages are located at remoter places as far away as possible. However, remote copy to a remote place takes time in data transfer. To solve this problem, there is a method in which, at the time of data update processing from a host computer, data transfer to remote storages is performed asynchronously with transfer (host transfer) from the host computer to a direct-coupled storage, to realize efficient remote copy between a plurality of storage subsystems, as disclosed, for example, in Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 2002-334049 (Patent Document 2).